

operator service being specific, and at least one data channel and at least one called channel being available for each link, the method comprising the steps of:

logging onto a remote master office, by an operator, in which the specific data for the operator service is centrally present;

5 transmitting a request by a coordination processor of the master office to a virtual operator set up in a peripheral line trunk group in order to initiate a dialing process to the operator;

setting up a link to the operator via a call channel;

10 transmitting a corresponding message to the coordination processor; loading the data to be transmitted in the master office from the coordination processor into a group processor;

setting up a data transmission link in the master office starting from the group processor to a peripheral line trunk group for fast data links;

15 transmitting the data to be transmitted via a data link to the peripheral line trunk group for fast data links of the switching office of the subscriber;

transmitting the data from the peripheral line trunk group for fast data links, within the switching office, to a peripheral line trunk group of the operator; and

20 transmitting the data from the peripheral line trunk group of the operator to the operator.

14. A method for transmitting data to operators of a telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the data to be transmitted is transmitted from the peripheral line trunk group of the operator to the operator via a data channel other than the call channel.

15. A method for transmitting data to operators of a telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the data to be transmitted is transmitted via a set up call channel using a data-link program.

16. A method for transmitting data to operators of a telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 13, the method further comprising the step of:

loading the data from the coordination processor of the master office into the group processor in blocks of limited size via an existing data-link interface.

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17. A method for transmitting data to operators of a telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 13, wherein the communications network is an ISDN network, the data channel is a D channel and the call channels are B channels.

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18. A method for transmitting data to operators of a telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 17, wherein an ISUP signaling system is provided for inter-office signaling.

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19. A telecommunications network, comprising:

a plurality of switching offices in which operators, which are members of an operator service, are connected to at least one switching office, and each switching office having at least one coordination processor and peripheral line trunk groups with a group processor for subscribers; and

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a virtual operator set up in a peripheral line trunk group of a switching office serving as a master office, provided for transmitting data from the coordination processor of the master office to an operator of the operator service, the coordination processor of the master office being configured to transmit a request to the virtual operator and to initiate a dialing process to the operator so that the data to be transmitted can be transmitted, after setting up of a data transmission link within the master office, via a peripheral line trunk group for fast data links of the master office to a line trunk group of the switching office of the operator and can be transmitted from this switching office to the operator.

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20. A telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 19, further

comprising:

a data channel other than the call channel for transmitting the data from the peripheral line trunk group to the operator.

21. A telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 19, further
5 comprising:

a data link program for transmitting the data via the set up call channel.

22. A telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 19, further
10 comprising:

a data link interface for loading the data from the coordination processor of the master office in blocks.

23. A telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 19, wherein the
15 network is an ISDN network, the data channel is a D channel and the call channels are B channels.

24. A telecommunications network as claimed in Claim 19, further comprising:

20 an ISUP signaling system for interoffice signaling.

REMARKS

The present amendment makes editorial changes and corrects typographical errors in the Specification, which includes the Abstract, in order to conform the Specification to the requirements of United States Patent Practice. No new matter 25 is added thereby. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the Specification by the present amendment. The attached page is captioned **"Version With Markings To Show Changes Made"**.

In addition, the present amendment cancels original claims 1-12 in favor of new claims 13-24. Claims 13-24 have been presented solely because the revisions 30 by crossing-out and underlining which would have been necessary in claims 1-12 in order to present those claims in accordance with preferred United States Patent